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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8796**
Hideakira YOKOYAMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0565A
Serial No. 10/576,209 : Group Art Unit 1618
Filed April 17, 2006 : Examiner Nissa M. Westerberg
BIGUANIDE DRUG-CONTAINING
JELLY PREPARATION : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

REQUEST FOR EXAMINER-INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM

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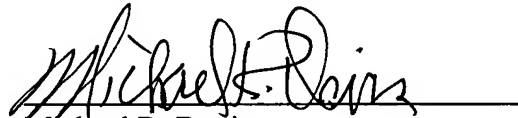
The first Examiner-initialed PTO-1449 form (sheet 1 of 2) attached to the Office Action of June 17, 2008 has eight references which have been lined through by the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that these references were crossed out because they are not in English. Copies of the references were filed with Applicants' IDS of April 17, 2006, and as noted in item 4 on page 3 of the IDS, the non-English language references were (1) cited in the International Search Report in the English language, (2) discussed on pages 3-4 of the specification, or (3) accompanied by an English language abstract. Thus, according to current U.S. practice, each of the references lined through by the Examiner should have been initialed by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicants are attaching hereto another PTO-1449 form citing just the eight references which were lined through by the Examiner. The Examiner is kindly requested to initial each of these references, and return a copy of the initialed form to Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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